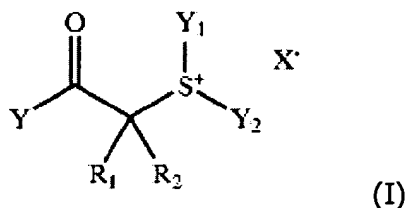


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A stimulus sensitive composition containing a compound capable of generating an acid or a radical on receipt of an external stimulus, the compound being represented by formula (I):



wherein Y represents ~~a~~an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure; R_1 and R_2 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group or an aryl group; R_1 and R_2 may be taken together to form a ring; Y_1 and Y_2 each independently represent an alkyl group or an aryl group; Y_1 and Y_2 may be taken together to form a ring; and X^- represents a non-nucleophilic anion.

2. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, wherein Y is a group having an adamantane structure.

3. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, which is a positive stimulus sensitive composition containing:

(A) a compound represented by the formula (I) which is capable of generating an acid on being irradiated with active light rays or a radiation; and

(B) a resin decomposing by an action of an acid to increase its solubility in an alkaline developer.

4. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, wherein the resin (B) has a fluorine atom in a main chain or a side chain thereof.

5. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, wherein the resin (B) has a hexafluoro-2-propanol structure.

6. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, wherein the resin (B) has a hydroxystyrene structure.

7. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, wherein the resin (B) has a monocyclic or polycyclic alicyclic hydrocarbon structure.

8. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 7, wherein the resin (B) further has a repeating unit having a lactone structure.

9. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 3, further containing: (C) a dissolution inhibitor having a molecular weight of 3000 or less, the dissolution inhibitor decomposing by an action of an acid to increase its solubility in an alkaline developer.

10. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, which is a positive stimulus sensitive composition containing:

(A) a compound represented by the formula (I) which is capable of generating an acid on being irradiated with active light rays or a radiation;

(D) a resin soluble in an alkaline developer; and

(C) a dissolution inhibitor having a molecular weight of 3000 or less, the dissolution inhibitor decomposing by an action of an acid to increase its solubility in an alkaline developer.

11. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, which is a negative stimulus sensitive composition containing:

(A) a compound represented by the formula (I) which is capable of generating an acid on being irradiated with active light rays or a radiation;

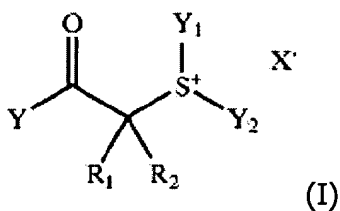
(D) a resin soluble in an alkaline developer; and

(E) a crosslinking agent capable of crosslinking with the resin (D) by an action of an acid.

12. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, further containing at least one of: (F) a basic compound; and (G) a surface active agent containing at least one of a fluorine atom and a silicon atom.

13. (original): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 12, wherein the basic compound (F) is: a compound having a structure selected from an imidazole structure, a diazabicyclo structure, an onium hydroxide structure, an onium carboxylate structure, a trialkylamine structure, an aniline structure, and a pyridine structure; an alkylamine derivative having at least one of a hydroxyl group and an ether bond; or an aniline derivative having at least one of a hydroxyl group and an ether bond.

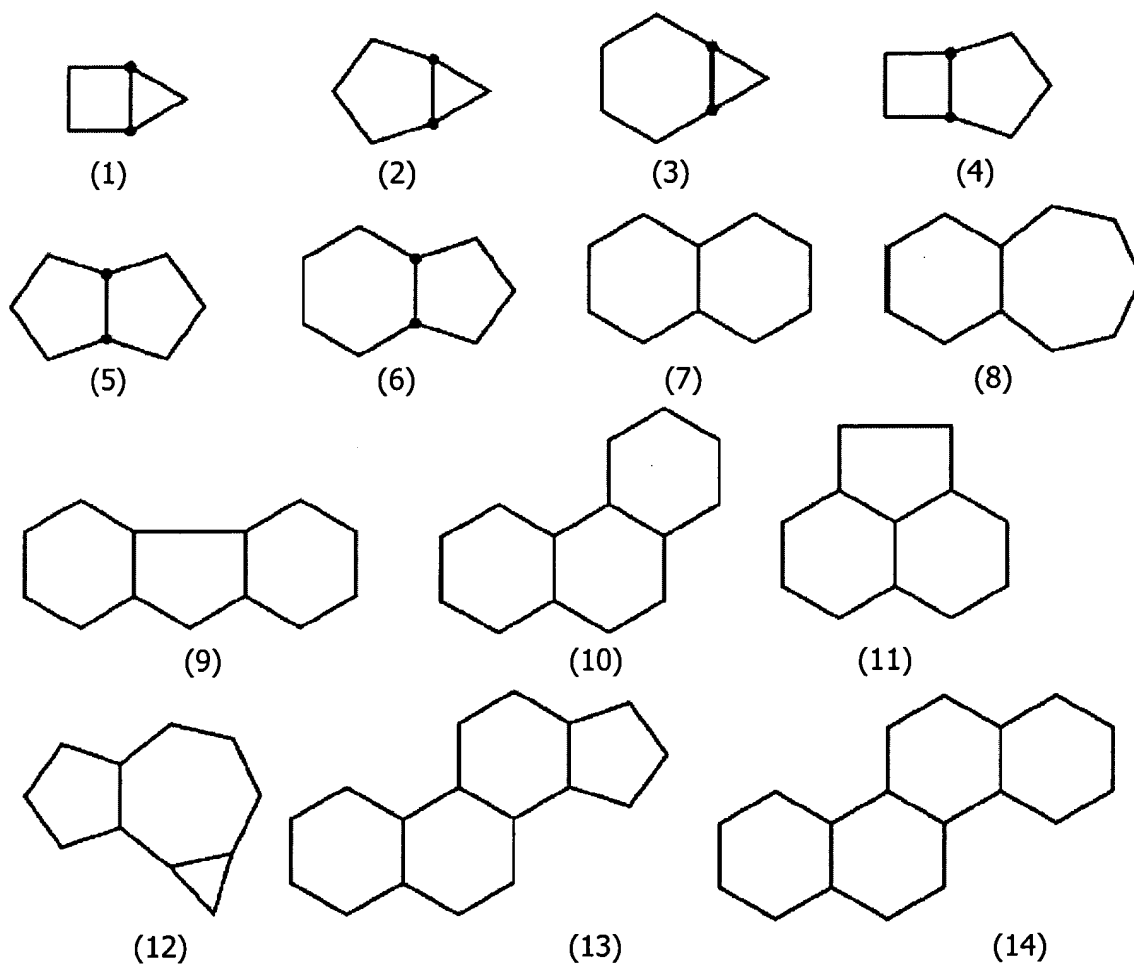
14. (currently amended): A compound represented by the following formula (I):

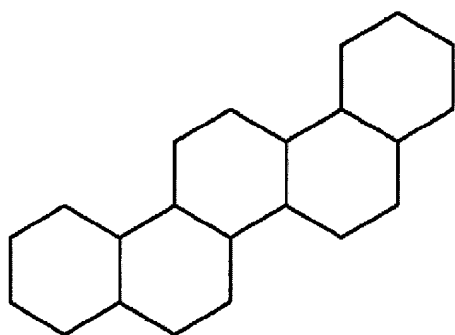


wherein Y represents ~~a~~an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure; R_1 and R_2 each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group or an aryl group; R_1 and R_2 may be taken together to form a ring; Y_1 and Y_2 each independently represent an alkyl group or an aryl group; Y_1 and Y_2 may be taken together to form a ring; and X^- represents a non-nucleophilic anion.

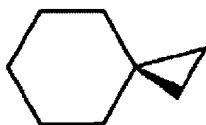
15. (original): The compound according to claim 14, wherein Y is a group having an adamantane structure.

16. (new): The stimulus sensitive composition according to claim 1, wherein Y represents an aliphatic group having a bridged cyclic structure selected from the group consisting of the following structures (1)-(46):





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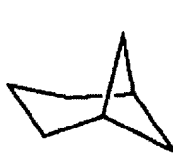
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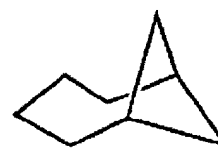
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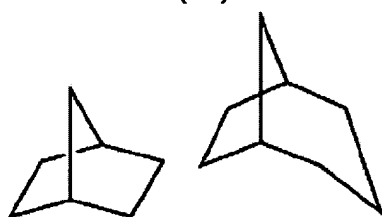
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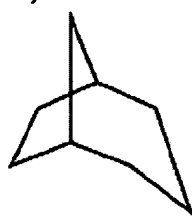
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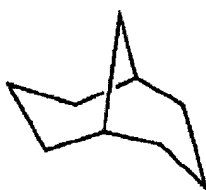
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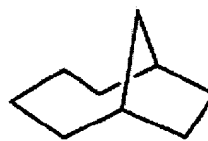
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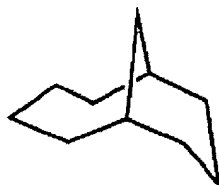
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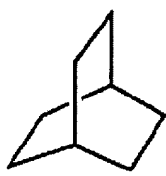
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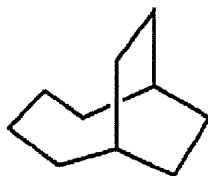
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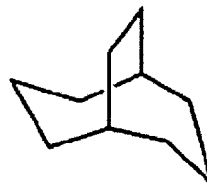
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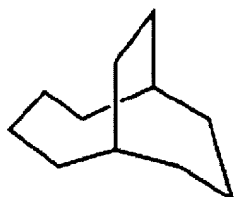
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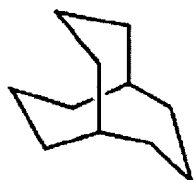
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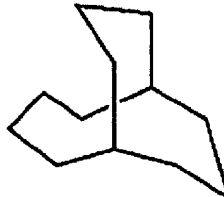
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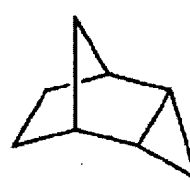
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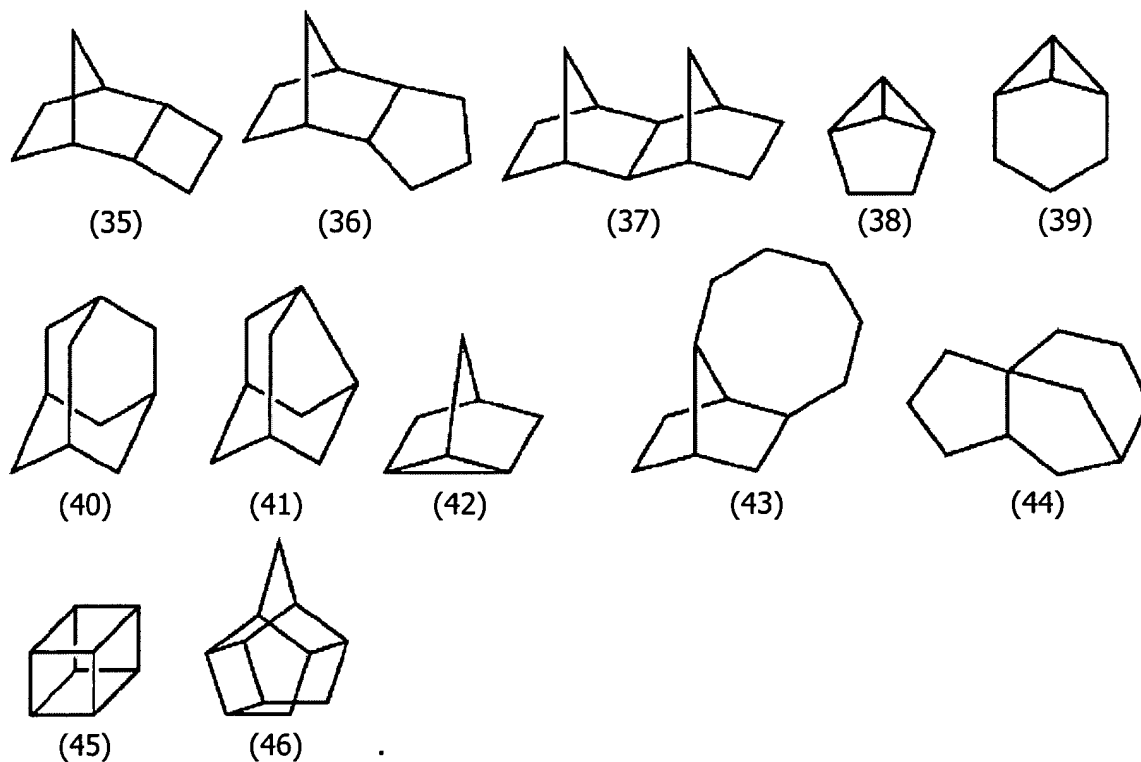
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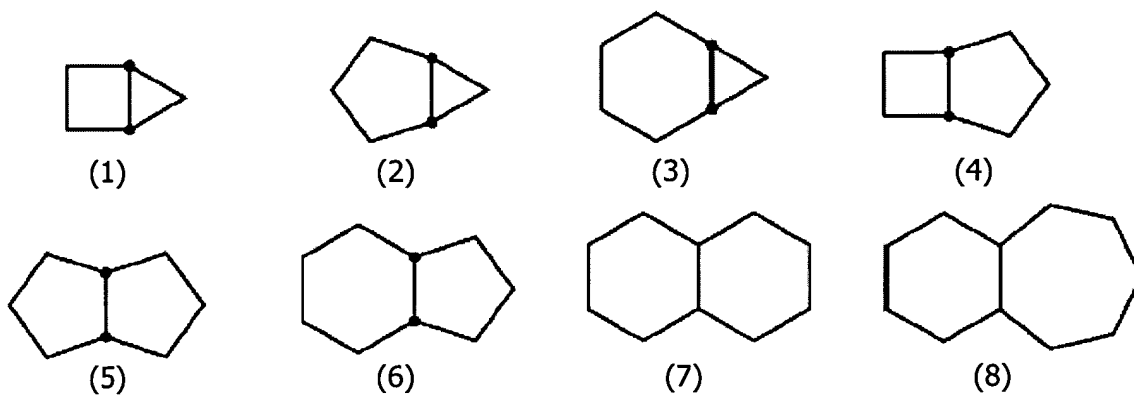
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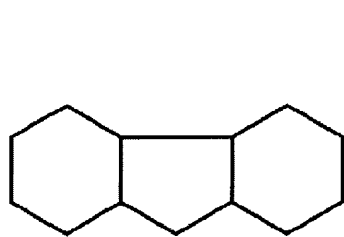


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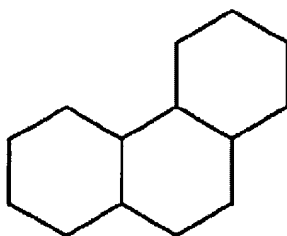


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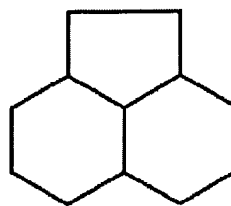




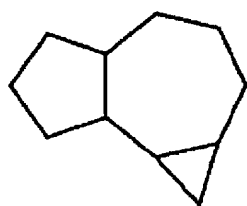
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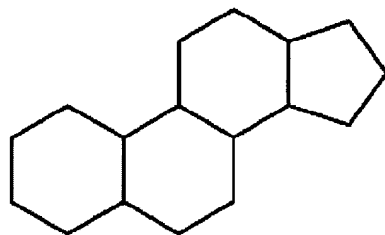
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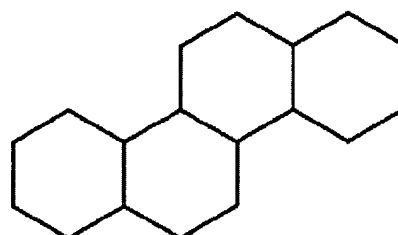
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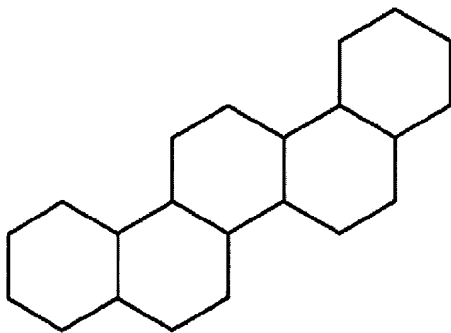
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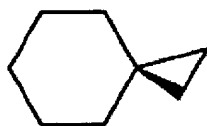
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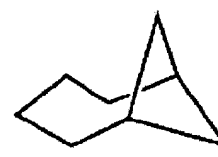
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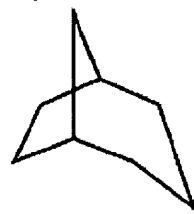
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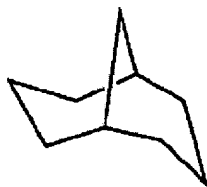
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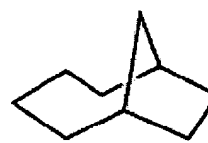
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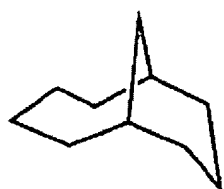
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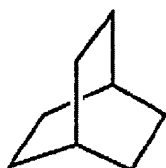
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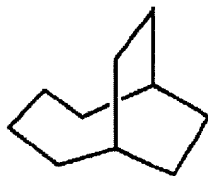
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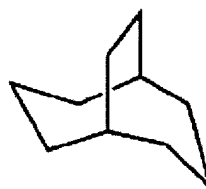
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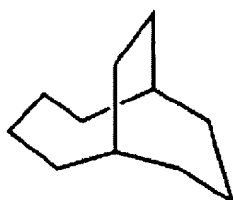
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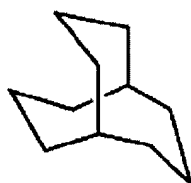
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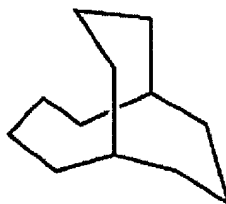
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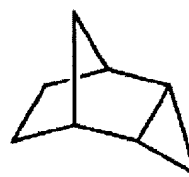
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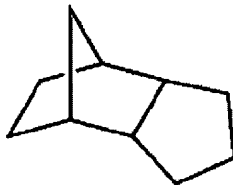
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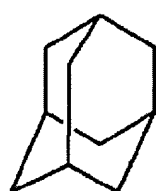
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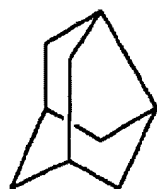
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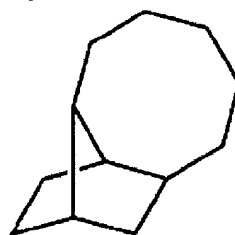
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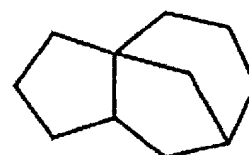
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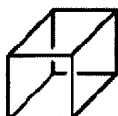
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